

HCS HJR 29 -- STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Dohrman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 8 to 4 and 1 present. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 4.

This resolution will submit to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 2(a) of Article IX of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section relating to the terms of office of members of the State Board of Education. This amendment, if passed, will shorten the terms from eight years to four, for a maximum of two terms subject to a specific exception including vacancy appointments.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say they are in favor of any effort to keep appointed officials to the same terms as elected positions. If a four-year term is enough for the state Senate it should be enough for the State Board of Education.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Dohrman; Dr. Mary Byrne; Concerned Women For America of Missouri; and the Missouri National Education Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.